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Healthy Public Debate at Wasa Rezoning Meeting

by Nowell Berg

A second public meeting regarding re-zoning Bylaws that would see a 120 unit RV Park built at Wasa took place 24 January 2017.

The government representatives on the public hearing panel included Kimberley Mayor Don McCormick, Area E Director Jane Walter, RDEK Staff Jean Terpsma and Michele Bates.

Well attended, this meeting drew over 50 residents who assembled to hear Mr. Tom Kiy present his plans for a 23 hectare parcel of land currently zoned for a golf course campground combination. Under existing zoning, the golf course would need to be built first before a campground could be developed.



Jean Terpsma, RDEK (left), Michele Bates, RDEK, Kimberley Mayor Don McCormick, Area E Director Jane Walter and Mr. Tom Kiy (standing)

Mr. Kiy has applied to the RDEK to make changes to the Wasa OCP that would amend the current C-6 zone, Golf Course Commercial, to C-1, Highway Commercial zone. This change would allow for a variety of commercial uses and future sub-division. Commercial uses would include a grocery store, gas station and post office as well as a campground and horticultural uses. Under the C-1 zoning, no golf course would be required.

The first stage of Mr. Kiy's plan is to build a 120 unit RV Park which could include up to 24 cottages along with a disc/frisbee golf area and kids bike park. The plan would also include one distributed water system and one septic sewer system. Further, the zoning request would allow for future land sub-division of up to 6 parcels of 2 hectares each.

Similar to the August 2016 public meeting that considered the same amendments to the Wasa OCP, Wasa residents raised many concerns:

- What is the volume of water being withdrawn from groundwater resources?
- What is the volume of discharge from the septic system and will the system be protected from flooding?
- What is the environmental impact caused by the increase in people, cars, boats and ATVs on the lake?
- Who is responsible to prove or demonstrate there would be no or limited impact to the water supply? Is it the applicant or the RDEK?

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Courtesy and

COMMON SENSE



When hiking or walking through the woods or snow mobiling on the lake, **please stay off the cross country ski trails!** These trails take a lot of hard work to build and groom and are ruined when people walk or run over them with their snow mobiles. Please be courteous.

Each month we'll feature a few friendly reminders of "Courtesy and Common Sense" that seem to get over looked in our busy everyday lives. Email your suggestions to: trivillagebuzz@gmail.com

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Lookey...

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Contest

Winner



 Joyce Davis's name was drawn after correctly locating the 12 Christmas ornaments in Decembers Lookey Contest. Joyce wins a \$25.00 Gift Certificate to any one of the Trii Village Buzz advertisers of her choice. Congratulations Joyce and thank you to everyone that participated!

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FOLLOWING THE TRAILS OF

Yesterday

In every community is a person well punctuated with humour, a person well-loved and treasured. Kaye was an exceptional lady. She contributed so much to our community and to her family and she is missed by all who knew her. Here is a toast to her husband's wife!
"To God Be The Glory" for her life

By Judy McPhee

A Tribute To Kaye Canning

Kaye was a dearly beloved citizen of the Tri Village area. She passed away at 95 years of age on September 28th, 2016 of heart failure. She is and will be missed at our functions.

Kathleen (Kaye) Gladys Hockley Canning was born on May 30th, 1921 in Fernie, B.C. to Sanders and Lillian Hockley. She was the first daughter and third child of eleven children.

During her growing up years and after her two older brothers, Jim and Art, moved out Kaye became THE BOSS, THE LEADER AND THE TEACHER. Her brother Cal said their home was the gathering place for young and old. There was always a jig-saw puzzle on one table to put together and cards on another. Kaye spent many hours teaching and playing Romoli, Whist, Hearts, Cribbage and Chinese Checkers to her siblings and friends.

Kaye believed from an early age that it was important to keep your mind active. When she passed away her mind was sharp, her sense of humour keen and shortly before she passed away, she

enjoyed a Blue Jays baseball game from her hospital bed.

In paying tribute to Kay, I will try to encapsulate her life in this article and capture the essence of her life.

There was always a laugh when Kaye was present at any gathering, large or small. Her quick wit, intelligence and sparkling personality will be remembered to all who knew her.

"The function began when Kaye arrived" She loved to dance and was often seen doing a two step with a twinkle in her eye and a giggle to the jingle of musical cell phones.

She finished grade 13 and received a permit to teach school. In 1941, she was hired by Ben and Bette Huber in Ta Ta Creek to help look after their family and farm. She resided with them.

In 1942, she was offered a temporary teaching position at the Sheep Creek School. The school was built on the Pommier property at Sheep Creek in the 1930's and Kaye was the third or fourth teacher at the school.

Eight children were needed each year to keep the school open. One year she

brought her brother from Fernie so she could keep her job and keep the school open.

She lived at the teacherage attached to the school. It consisted of a kitchen, living room and bedroom and her responsibilities included keeping the school clean, chopping the wood, making kindling, keeping the fire going and teaching. Her salary was \$680.00 a year.

As told by Louis Cloarec, a pupil of Kaye's. *"When Lister was courting her, he made a dramatic entrance through the door of the school room. He led his horse, "Little Buck"- a wild horse trained by him, through the door and brought the horse into the school room. It immediately did a big "dump" Kaye made him clean it up! Much laughter by all. The smell lingered for quite a while."*

Thank you to Carol and Fred Canning, Helen Hannah (Canning), Kathy Hunt (Canning), Kaye's brother Cal, Dennis Smith, Louis Cloarec, and John and Lorraine Pommier for the information they shared on Kay's life.



Congratulations Candace Marsters!

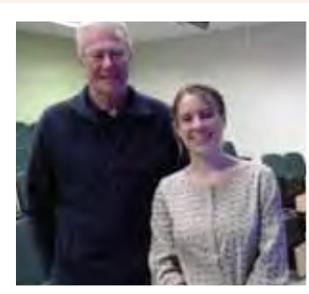
Congratulations Candace, on receiving your PH.D.!

On January 16, 2017 Candace Marsters presented her research findings at the University of Calgary in defense of her Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Developmental Neurobiology. Candace's presentation: Influence of Microglia on Early Developing Glial Populations in the Tuberal Hypothalamus.

Karen Markus, Jim Hill, David and Terry Marsters, Nadine Johnson, Johannes Krouthen, Laurie and Sandy Kay attended as guests for the presentation.

Candace's education journey all began at our local school in Wasa; Laurie Kay as principal; McKim and Selkirk in Kimberley, University of Victoria, University of Uppsala in Sweden and University of Calgary. She will continue on in her pursuit of her medical education.

We are proud of Candace, our home town girl!





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2nd Place: Laurie and Sandy Kay

3rd Place: Richard and Gail Heffernan

Honorable Mention:

- Marilyn Bowen
- Jergen Keller

Business Mention:

- Wasa Lake Motel



Violet Margaret Cockell

1929 - 2016

It is with deep sorrow that the family of Violet Cockell announce her passing on Friday, December 16th, 2016 at the East Kootenay Regional Hospital in Cranbrook at 87 years of age.

Vi will be missed by many people including the readers of the Tri-Village Buzz. Our sincere condolences go out to her family. Her column, "Hints From Vi" was a popular edition to our newsletter and was a favorite amongst our readers.

As a special tribute to Vi's legacy we would like to continue her column and if you'd like to help please contact: trivillagebuzz@gmail.com for information

Submission from Vi - February 2016:

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WASA LAKE LAND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT (WLLID)

The February WLLID meeting will be held Thursday, February 17th at 11:00 A.M. at the WLLID office in the Wasa Community Hall basement. The meetings are held monthly. For dates and time please visit the WLLID website at: www.wasalake.ca

Aquatic Plant Removal Project

The project has become larger and more complicated than expected and there is a need for a broader base Wasa Lake users to become involved.

The milfoil removal will be discussed at the WLLID Annual meeting in April followed by a subsequent public meeting soon after.

Information from the discovery of the native milfoil to the Fall of 2016 is available on the WLLID web site: www.wasalake.ca. under projects and initiatives. Submissions each month from March to October 2016 were also published in The Tri Village Buzz.



Please read the prevention tips below. Carrying them out can really help in the control and spread of milfoil.

Wasa Milfoil - What We Know:

- Native milfoil found in several areas around the lake
- Growth caused by weather, human activity and nutrients
- Spreads rapidly by fragmentation caused by boating
- Impedes recreational opportunities like swimming, boating and fishing
- Property values negatively affected
- The fewer nutrients entering the lake from outside sources, the healthier the lake will be

How residents and visitors can help control the spread of milfoil:

- Clean, drain, dry boats before and after launching
- Avoid boating and other activities in affected sites which causes fragmentation
- Stop feeding the lake, reduce use of fertilizer on lawns and gardens
- If you find milfoil fragments on the foreshore or in the water, remove them
- Foreshore vegetation helps reduce nutrient run off thus slowing milfoil growth



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- Will Interior Health inspect the septic system on a regular basis?
- What about the safety of vehicles and pedestrians crossing Highway 93/95 to access the lake?
- How will the increase in ATVs and off-road vehicles impact natural areas and back-country around the lake?

Many Wasa business owners, but not all, were in attendance and voiced support for changes to the OCP and building of the RV Park. The business owners who spoke said Mr. Kiy's project would increase tourist and summer season population providing economy benefit for the whole community. One business owner said water consumption would be far less than that of a golf course and another indicated that crossing the highway should not create any safety issues.

One long-time resident suggested that each RV site pay the same "mosquito tax" that all residences pay each year. Another resident suggested that a "fence" be constructed between the RV Park and the highway to prevent park residents from cutting across the highway.

After a lengthy question and answer session, Jane Walter called the public meeting to order.

Ms. Terpsma read out the guidelines for making a statement at the public meeting. She also informed the audience the RDEK had received 10 letters regarding the OCP Bylaw changes. Eight (8) were opposed and two (2) supported the project.

One support letter was contingent upon there being a noise restriction imposed from 10 p.m. until 7 am. The second support letter proposed a staged development process allowing 60 RV sites to be developed and the remainder at a later date.

One of the letters opposed to the development

came from Canadian Pacific Railway (CPR). In the CPR's document sent to the RDEK, it states "The Railway opposes all residential development adjacent to Railway Lands as it considers residential, directly adjacent to the Railway's heavy industrial operations, to be not compatible adjacencies.")

The document further states, "The health, safety and welfare of individuals could be adversely affected by railway operations, activities, sounds, noises and vibrations." For safety reasons CPR "recommends that no dwelling should be built within 75 metres of railway lands." It is not known if any RV sites would be within this boundary.

The first person to make a statement at the public hearing was Cliff Youngs, Chair, Wasa Lake Land Improvement District (WLLID). Mr. Youngs noted the WLLID's position asks the RDEK to "postpone" any decision as there was insufficient information on impacts to the lake and the "issues raised had not been addressed." While the WLLID is not opposed to development per se, any development must be done with the "health of the lake a major concern."

Another resident and WLLID Trustee, Laurence Kay, noted the RDEK Staff Report "stressed commercial development over environmental concerns." He opposed the bylaw amendment because the RDEK does not have "sufficient information and data to make the decision." He pointed out the RDEK Board's decision must be "consistent with the Wasa OCP."

In his statement, Jim Abbot said the proponent, Mr. Kiy, was "disadvantaged by the RDEK process" because the RDEK did not communicate sufficient information on the project and issues raised by residents such that it "creates suspicions" that are unfounded because they are based on a lack of information.

A Wolf Creek Road resident (their name was missed by the reporter) made a statement

regarding the increasing pressure on the area back country from excessive ATV and off-road vehicle use. She reported seeing, this past summer, ATVs "tearing up grassland, harassing elk and leaving garbage around." She hoped that if the RV Park went ahead the RDEK would step up enforcement of current ATV regulations.

Susanne Ashmore indicated she was in favour of the RV Park. She said that Wasa "community needs to deal with its issues" like outdated septic systems around the lake before criticizing Mr. Kiy. She said, "Give Tom the benefit of the doubt" and that Wasa should get its "own house in order."

Three business owners, Jack Davis, Jim Howard and Steve Wilson, all stood to support the RV Park project. Mr. Davis said he thought "the aquifer would not be damaged by the RV Park." Mr. Howard

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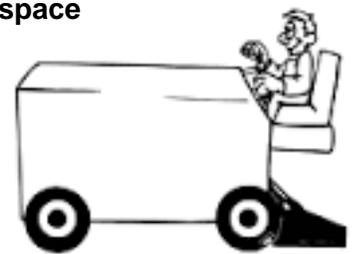
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"disputed" the notion an increase in population and ATV's would have a negative impact on the lake. He said, there would be "no impact on water" and pointed out the old green house used lots of water in the past. Mr. Wilson point out the RV Park would "bring more people" to the area, but suggested that "not everyone goes to the lake everyday."

Penny Flegal stated she was concerned about increased litter and fire safety. She said Wasa has "no fire protection" and the RV Park would increase the number of bonfires and potential for a wild fire to threaten existing residences.

Tanya Monroe stressed the "need for a younger generation" to reside at Wasa that could be spurred on by "more business." She wants to see "more people come back to the community."

While I have written of my opposition to the proposed Wasa OCP bylaw amendments, I must say that having over 50 people at the public meeting was a sign that democracy is alive at Wasa. I appreciate Mr. Kiy presenting information and answering questions. I have tried to present the content of the meeting as balanced and accurate as possible. Scribbling notes while people express their opinion is a daunting task at best.

My impression of the meeting was that people want information about the environmental impact of the RV Park on the aquifer and most importantly, the lake. While trying to determine with 100% accuracy the complete environmental impact on the lake is not possible, it's important for Mr. Kiy to demonstrate the RV Park won't create the negative impacts residents are concerned about, particularly one that he has a direct impact on – the aquifer.

This should also be a wake-up call to the RDEK Board and staff that they must adhere to all policies in the Wasa OCP and not cherry pick the ones that promote commercial development while neglecting environmental and groundwater policies. As the governing body responsible for by-law changes and re-zoning at Wasa, the RDEK Board must not blindly pass motions without as much scientific data as possible.

The RDEK Board votes on the Wasa OCP by-law amendments at its next meeting on 10 February, 2017, at 9 am.

the Armchair Traveller

ARMCHAIR TRAVELLER 2017

Join us at the Wasa Hall for the upcoming Armchair Traveller presentations. All shows begin at 7:30 p.m. at the Wasa Community Hall.

Mark these dates:

Wednesday, February 8th - Myanmar and More
by Alex and Heather Jensen

Wednesday, February 22nd - Haida Gwaii
by Cliff Youngs

Wednesday, March 8th - Monarch Butterflies and Silver Mines in Mexico
by Joan Loree

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Last Sunday morning I preached on the tongue and how dangerous it can be. But as is the case most often, the teacher is probably the first to learn the lesson at hand.

I've done a lot of thinking on this subject and in my lifetime I've known a lot of people that speak negatively quite openly about people. They are the first to express a negative opinion about someone and many times they know nothing about the person they are running down. There may be circumstances at home or at work that forces them to be the way they are. All we really see of a person is what is on the surface, that ought not to be.

The same tongue that can be so destructive can also be an instrument for encouragement and uplifting instead of harm.

The other day I was taking my grand daughter and her friend to pick up some food for supper. One of the individuals who did most of the talking, was busy running down all of her friends and teachers. I wondered at the time what kind of family this person came from.

But, I was most proud of my grand daughter who after the other person had finally finished talking said, "I'm just nice to everybody".

Now my grand daughter had reason to be negative having just lost her daddy back in August in a motorcycle accident, but she chose the high road. "I just want to be nice to everybody", says to me that she is growing up to be a lovely girl and one day a lovely woman.

Here are some verses from the Bible that bears a listen to:

"He who covers a transgression seeks love, But he who repeats a matter separates friends." Proverbs 17:9

"Death and life are in the power of the tongue. And those who love it will eat it's fruit." Proverbs 18:21

"Where there is no wood, the fire goes out; and where there is no talebearer, strife ceases."

I often go down to the store and gas station for coffee where a lot of different people go for fellowship and companionship. There is one particular lady that goes there a lot, her name is Julie. Julie laughs a lot and she always tries to put a positive spin on what-ever she has to say. I like her for that and she is fun to be around. Good girl Julie, thanks for all the neat stories and your version of interesting and colorful people of Wasa.

Paul's perspective from the pews.

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Mark Twain

150 years ago, Canada's first libraries were private collections held by Europeans and the first known library was in Quebec City.

We in the Kootenay's love the outdoors. Some of us prefer to be doing something outside rather than read or go to spectator sports - unless it is watching our family or friends. This month I have featured three books on the outdoors, two of them filled with a variety of individual short stories occurring in our magnificent country.

"Andy Russell's Campfire Stories"

This book contains 38 wonderful and interesting stories on outdoor adventures, wildlife stories, trappers, cowboys, anglers and mountain men and women.

"Good Morning Midnight"

By Chip Brown

A very powerful book on bushwhacker, Guy Waterman, accomplished naturalist, jazz piano player and speech writer. His life and finally death in the mountains of Vermont.

"Findlay's River"

By R.M. Patterson

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Dwane Markus is our 2016 "Where do you take Your Buzz" contest winner and receives a \$50. gift certificate from his choice of any one of the Buzz advertisers. Thank you Dwane and everyone else that participated!



The contest continues... send me your photos: trivillagebuzz@gmail.com

DALE DAVIS

1960 - 2013

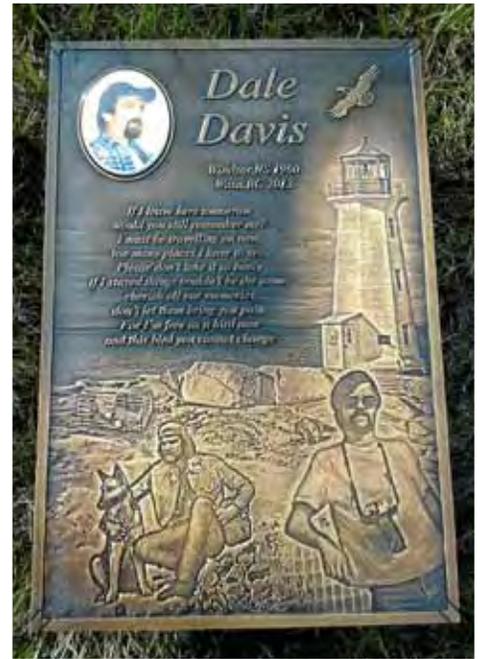


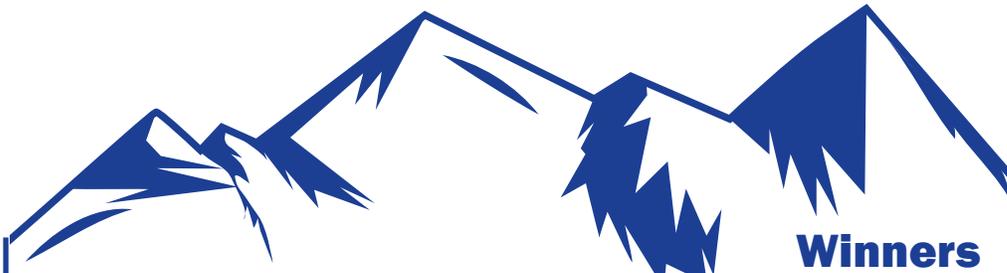
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Please don't take it so badly
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cherish all your memories
don't let them bring you pain.
For I'm free as a bird now
and this bird you cannot change.*

Dale, the previous owner of Wasa Building Supplies, was tragically taken from us four years ago on January 6th, 2013. He is deeply missed by many of us. At this time of year he was usually busy plowing many driveways in Wasa. A big help and organizer of the New Years Eve fireworks, something he really enjoyed.

A beautiful plaque that many people contributed to has been placed on a large rock north of Wasa, across from the rest area. Dale's family wish to extend a sincere "Thank You" to those of you who donated to this Memorial Plaque.





Wasa Country Pub & Grill

Winners Annual Fundraising Fishing Derby

Jim and Melinda Howard would like to thank everyone that came out to the Wasa Country Pub and Grill Fishing Derby and made this event as successful as it was. There were a total of 62 entries and \$1540.00 was collected. A total of \$770.00 was donated to the Canadian Cancer Society Cranbrook Chapter. Yaaaa!

A big thank you to Dave Shipley for help weighing in the fish while Jim was cooking and to Jack Davis for helping to pick the winners.

Looking forward to what next year brings Thank you again!!



1st Place - Danny Key - 3.79 lbs
2nd Place - Richard Carere - 2.86 lbs
3rd Place - John Scanland - 2.82 lbs
Hidden Weight - Linda Sandgaard .57 lbs



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Our first game in the New Year was Monday, January 9th and will run each Monday night until the end of March.

Apropos card games---" we all love a good loser, if it isn't us."□



Donate your pop cans and liquor bottles to the Wasa and District Lions Club to help with their scholarship fund. Please call Val at 250-422-3499 to make arrangements for drop-off at the Lions Grounds.

HISTORY BYTES

BY NAOMI MILLER



Mirror Lake In the Early Years

Kootenay Lake was first scouted by prospectors on foot or in small boats. Settlers chose land that had a beach and a creek running through it. One such speculator was Karl Kristian Bjerkness who pioneered on land south of Kaslo. He cleared patches of sloping land beside "his" creek. One such cleared area of six acres became an orchard first planted about 1898. Irrigation was started and the plot, with only four neighbours, sold to the Ernest Norman family from Quebec in 1908. Shortly after the Normans built a home there a school was built. But the community of Mirror Lake already had two businesses before becoming a family community!

In 1893 a shipyard was created on the gently sloping, sandy and south facing beach. The sternwheeler S.S. Idaho was damaged when it ran aground by Ainsworth Hot Springs and was towed to Mirror Lake, where it was slid to the top of the beach where a cradle was built around it. About twenty men found work completely renovating this vessel. It was relaunched in 1895 under a different company and renamed S.S. Alberta. In 1896 the crew was enlarged and a second bunkhouse created, and launched as the S.S. International. At 160 feet long (48.9M) and 525 tons, it was built to rival the S.S. Kokanee constructed in Nelson. The vessels were evenly matched and often raced on Kootenay Lake as each conducted business. These steamers all had small draft and were prepared to land on almost any beach, put down a gangplank to unload passengers or bulk goods, and reverse before sailing to the next stop. The small S.S. Argenta came off the Mirror Lake Shipyard in 1900 to service holdings up the Duncan River at the north end of the lake. The last, most magnificent steamer built at Mirror Lake was the 175 ft, 765 ton S.S. Kaslo, with large windows in the dining room and each stateroom fitted with basin and taps. It sailed till 1910 when the CPR put smaller operators out of business.

The other money raiser was ice harvesting. In pre-refrigeration days ice, carefully kept clean of snow, was harvested when it reached 18 inches to 2 feet thick. The ice was marked into 18 inch strips by a device which looked like a harrow. Then each square was cut with a special hand saw, with the last blocks increasingly dangerous to cut off. The strips were pulled to a chute prepared to slide the blocks to a barge on the waterfront, where boxcars were manually loaded with these heavy chunks. Box cars were sent to Nelson and perhaps further destinations. The ice was stored in special buildings where sawdust kept the blocks from clinging together. Hotels had their own supply for food preservation and cooling of summer beer. Ice providers sold small blocks to homeowners who had an icebox in

the kitchen. Ice was sometimes chipped and used in hand-cranked ice cream makers (these are still in demonstration at Fort Steele). Mirror Lake had two ice houses, both well insulated and generally full of sawdust by the end of summer. The Norman family had a key which allowed them to remove ice as necessary but they continued to keep perishables in a cooler set in the chilly waters of Bjerkness Creek. Mrs. Norman served a hot lunch to the ice harvesters, in two shifts, to earn a bit of money.

The building of a school was necessary when a community had ten students ready for elementary grades one to eight. Once the school was built it became a place to hold church services or community meetings even though the only seating was ten double desks. There were two little outhouses in the back and a playground sloping down to the ditch between the little lake and Kootenay Lake. Early teachers were Kaslo natives who had gone to Normal School to train. Each stayed one year, walking out from their parents' home in town. Annie Norman started school a few weeks before her fifth birthday to fill the quota of ten. Her older brother George had to walk to Kaslo for high school. In spring he needed to be alert along the way as bears fed on skunk cabbage growing in swampy spots beside the trail. George had learned chemistry in Nelson and electricity from an international correspondence school, so was asked to teach the specialties by the regular teacher. His home experimentation was applied to the building of a small hydro power plant close to little Mirror Lake. Each home was wired for a single light in each room. This nightly power beat candles or coal oil lights! Power was turned on Tuesday morning for those who acquired electric irons. On any other day a housewife would have to resort to sad irons heated in the kitchen wood burning stove.

Next came party line telephones. Each home had a wooden box on the wall with a hand crank to connect with neighbours by the designated ring; e.g. our connection 44F was two short and one long ring. A single ring connected you with the operator in Kaslo. That meant Mirror Laker could phone an order to grocer Mr. Cosgriff in Kaslo, who would deliver when he came out in his horse-drawn buggy once a week. Bills were paid monthly on the honor system.

The Normans had their own cow and chickens. They made their own butter, ate produce from their garden and honey from their beehives. Mrs. Norman canned fruit, berries, fish and meat as available in season. Orchard fruit for sale had to be picked, packed in wooden crates, and sent out by the daily steamer.

Cherries were first, then raspberries, plums, pears and apple varieties from Transparent to Northern Spies. Gravenstines from this orchard were sent to a World Fair in 1910 and won a prize. Mrs. Norman sewed clothing for the children, and items like undergarments and shoes were ordered from the Eaton's catalog (a second family bible in most households.) Mirror Lake offered such good skating that Kaslo residents would walk or drive out to enjoy the smooth ice. The skates in early years were strapped onto regular shoes, and later on more suitable shoes.

Mirror Lake Post Office opened in 1909 with William Read as its first Postmaster. He would meet the steamer bringing the mail three afternoons each week. Initially this was on the beach but later a wharf was built after the shipyard was dismantled. In summer many would congregate on the wharf, chatting and often singing songs. Mr. Read opened the mail bag right there and handed out letters and packages to those present. This procedure lasted until Olive Link turned the tiny building into a proper sorting and mail box unit (that Post Office known as "the smallest in the British Empire" is preserved beside the S.S. Moyie on Kaslo beach.)

The community gradually expanded south to Fletcher Creek. Post WWI, veteran Frank Abbey bought several acres and set up a dairy. He started an unofficial bus to take his sons to Kaslo High School. A road to Ainsworth was punched through in 1920. In the summer of 1926, a road around treacherous Coffee Creek was officially opened to make auto traffic possible all the way to Nelson. Greyhound buses ran from Nelson to Kaslo from 1929 to 1982. The Moyie served as freight carrier till 1957. Mirror Lake expanded from its rural beginnings to a destination summer retreat for the likes of Dr. Green of Cranbrook. KK Bjerkness would have been pleased.

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Heat Energy: Electricity, Wood
Zoning: RS1
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Annual Conservation Leadership Awards Presented

The Kootenay Conservation Program (KCP) awarded their annual Conservation Leadership Awards as part of their Annual Gathering in Creston on November 25. Heather Leschied and Grant Trower were both recipients of the award, showcasing outstanding leadership qualities in the field of conservation in this region.

Grant Trower is a conservation leader, sensitive to Place. He has dedicated himself towards protecting fish, wildlife and their habitats, particularly in the Meadow Creek area. He has held positions as the former Coordinator of the Friends of the Lardeau, a long-term Board member for the Fish and Wildlife Compensation Program – Columbia, and current Coordinator of Wildlife Habitats for Tomorrow. He has worked tirelessly to gain Protected Area status within the Lardeau area and has given his time freely for fish, wildlife and habitat in the Columbia Basin. He has received recognition by the Land Conservancy for his efforts around land protection.

Heather Leschied is a champion of conservation in the Kootenay's. Her passion, knowledge and ability to communicate have enabled her to move ideas to action, and create a stronger culture of conservation both within, and beyond, our region. She has been involved in water stewardship and citizen science initiatives in the Columbia Basin for over a decade. She is Chair of the East Kootenay Integrated Lake Management Partnership and Kootenay Lake Partnership; a founding Director of the Lake Windermere Ambassadors and Friends of Kootenay Lake; Director for the BC Lake Stewardship Society; and serves on the Columbia Basin Trust Environment Advisory Committee and Kootenay Lake Local Conservation Fund Technical Review Committee. She was instrumental in the launch of Living Lakes Canada in 2010, which has now expanded her work to the Mackenzie River and Lake Winnipeg watersheds. Her work has won awards by government and industry, and has influenced the management of water bodies in the Kootenay's.

To read more about the Conservation Leadership Awards or past recipients go to www.kootenayconservation.ca



Grant Trower receives the 2016 Conservation Leadership Award from KCP Chair Derek Petersen.



Heather Leschied accepts the 2016 Conservation Leadership Award from KCP Program Manager Juliet Craig.



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Words of Wisdom

No one is Ever Independent

We often have the impression of being independent beings, and living our lives totally separated from our surroundings. This sensation of being cut off from our surroundings provokes a dramatic feeling of loneliness and gives rise to the fear of being abandoned or betrayed. In reality, everything is both connected and interconnected. Everywhere there exists a phenomenon of deep symbiosis and interdependence with one another and with every element composing matter, time and space. Everything surrounding us is inclusively united.

So how have we lost our ability to feel that we are a part of our surroundings? We have projects, things to do, hopes for the future; we are so occupied that we rarely realize we're not alone in this play we call "Life". We constantly trigger and are triggered by everything we are made of and everything we are in contact with. There is not a single action that belongs only to us. This idea that we are on one side and everything else in the world is on the other side, as though we could act solely, is at the very core of the state of ignorance and suffering of the human mind. This is also the cause of all frustrations in life. And because we are out of touch with our relation to our surroundings, when we decide to act, speak and think, we often get the impression that the world is opposed to us, as if our surroundings took pleasure in contradicting us in our endeavours. But this is never the case, as there is always an original cause for everything that unfolds before our eyes.

Our own suffering, no matter big or small, comes from this misunderstanding. We believe that we have an independent existence and that we are separate from one another. The egoistic impressions of being important, of being afraid to die or of having enemies come directly from this misunderstanding. The concept that we exist as independent beings is totally false as it contradicts the true nature of interconnected reality. The Lord Buddha spoke vividly about abandoning this false concept of being independent entities, independent "Selves". My own Master, His Holiness the Lord Hamsah Manarah, constantly put the emphasis on developing a higher level of unity with creation in order to free oneself from suffering.

If we look deeply into what we are really made of, we will discover that we're comprised only of elements that are not us; "us" meaning the "witnessing consciousness". Everything else is simply in touch with this consciousness that we are. We can then assert that we have a body of flesh with organs and limbs that are not us, even the double DNA helixes of our cells, with their genetic material made of bits of matter from our family lineage going back to the origin of time. By coming into this world we become "users" of these atoms and genes that make us appear the way we do, but none of this actually belongs to us. We are only in touch with these elements. No matter what, all of these elements composing us are constantly in relation with us. They influence us and we influence them at every second.

Ignoring the phenomenon of symbiosis with everything composing and surrounding us is a big mistake. Because we lack the perception and consideration for all these elements and fail to develop the ability to feel them, life can leave us disappointed... with the impression that somewhere the entire world is working against us.

By reconnecting with reality and accepting that everything surrounding us is also a part of us, it becomes easier to pacify our presence in the world. We are not separate from the person beside us, from the tree, from the mountains, from the chair, from the cat or from the entire galaxy. All of this does not only work outside of us, it also works with us and within us. You may think that it's irrelevant that a forest in South America is being destroyed or that there is constant pollution in all the large cities around the world. But if you look deep within yourself, you will realize that you are composed of elements in total relation with these phenomena. The world is interacting with you, and you are interacting with it. Since everything is connected, even the smallest of your emotional reactions directly impacts your immediate surroundings, the world and the entire universe. This is called the "direct chain of cause and effect". In other words, by unifying and harmonizing your presence with your surroundings right where you are, you immediately have a great influence on the pacification of the entire world.

So if someone asks you what you are related to, you should answer: "I am related to everything within and outside of me, beyond all notions of bad and good, right and wrong. From here, the unity of my consciousness can immediately harmonize everything that is connected to me at every moment." Since we are all inextricably interdependent, the suffering or the wellbeing of others immediately becomes our own suffering or our own joy in life. My Master used to say that we find in this world what we already carry within us.

May these words of wisdom assist you in experiencing a more harmonious comprehension of the functioning of this world and bring you a very happy life with everything and everyone surrounding you.

With Love and Blessings on the Path of Life.
Warmly yours.

Venerable Gurudev Hamsah Nandatha
Adi Vajra Shambhasalem Ashram

Venerable Gurudev Hamsah Nandatha published a book entitled *In the Presence of Truth. Discovering the Being Within*, which is a roadmap to Self-Realization. To learn more about this wonderful book and its author, visit www.inthepresenceoftruth.com.

Teachings at the Ashram Thursday, December 1st and Thursdays January 12th 19th and 26th.
If you are coming for the first time or for more info, call 250-422-9327..

Wasa Lions Medical Equipment Loan Cupboard

Have you had a recent Injury? or Have plans for Surgery? The Lions may be able to assist with a 3-month loan of Medical Equipment.

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The **WASA RECREATION SOCIETY'S** main objective is to generate funds to keep the Wasa Hall running. Wasa Recreation Society members meet in the basement of the Wasa Hall in the Quilters Room on the last Tuesday of each month. Everyone is invited to attend. Listed below are some of the user groups and contacts:

- Hall Rentals and Information
Karen Markus 250.422.3514
Lorraine Colton 250.422.3640
- Gym
Sonia Blackwell 250.422.9201
- TOPS
Susan 250.422.3510
- Library
Judy McPhee 250.422.3766

In addition, BINGO's are held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at the Wasa Hall. Early bird starts at 6:30 pm and regular at 6:45 pm.

RDEK NEWS



By Area E Director Jane Walter

Meeting with Natural Resources Officer (NRO)

Andrew McLeod, Manager of Planning, Susanne Ashmore and myself met with Aaron Gervais, Natural Resource Officer Supervisor. The roll of these officers is to deal with environmental concerns. During the meeting we discussed the lack of enforcement related to environmental damage to the foreshore. I have received calls from individuals that have made reports to the NRO's, when they had concerns about property owners undergoing work to the foreshore and was told there was no response or follow-up. I am hoping that they will be more responsive after our meeting.

If you wish to make a report, call the R.A.P.P. number 1-877-952-7277.

Boating

Last month I submitted information about the possibility of putting signs up at the boat launches, but haven't receive any calls. The WLLID has indicated that one of their board members would one be willing to help with the project.

If you are willing to help, please get in touch with me. Otherwise I will assume that there is no interest in this project.

Winter Roads Complaints

The RDEK Board has sent a letter to the Minister of Transportation and copies to MLA Bill Bennett and MLA Norm MacDonald regarding concerns about the poor road maintenance.

There is a new number to phone about road conditions the number is: 1-800-665-4929

Zamboni

The RDEK donated a Zamboni to the Wasa Lions skating rink. I hope everyone has had a chance to use the rink this year.

Columbia Basin Trust Community Initiatives and Affected Area Program

If you need more information or require an application, contact the RDEK Cranbrook Office. Or visit www.rdek.bc.ca or call 1-888-478-7335.

The dead line for application submissions is 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, February 14th, 2017.

Volunteer of the Year for 2017

The RDEK is on the hunt for Area E's volunteer of the year. The nomination forms are available at the RDEK Cranbrook Office or on the website at www.rdek.bc.ca

I hope everyone has a good month.

Jane Walter, RDEK Area E Director

Phone 250-427-2577 / Email: s.janewalter@

Safety guidelines and things you need to know:

- Minimum of 2 people in the Gym at all times
- All users must sign in with date and time
- All users must sign a Wasa Recreation Programs User Waiver located at the sign-in desk
- All users are required to wear "gym shoes" - no street shoes permitted
- All users must use the safety key on the Walking Machines
- Cost is a loonie or twoonie
- Have fun and be safe!

- Mondays, Wednesdays and Friday Mornings from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.
- Monday to Friday Mornings (inclusive) from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Contact: Sonia Blackwell 250.422.9201

We're open to suggestions, give us a call if you know 2 or more people that would like to attend at a time not indicated.



GYM HOURS AND INFO

Annual Wasa Fishing Derby Raises Money for Cancer

by Nowell Berg

Saturday, January 14th was the second event for Jim and Melinda Howard hosting the annual Memorial Fishing Derby that has been held at Wasa Country Pub since 2001. The event is an exciting day of trout fishing for men and women of all ages. This year \$770 were raised which will be donated to the Cranbrook Chapter of the Canadian Cancer Society.

Sixty-two fishers took up the challenge of snagging the heaviest trout of the day.

Organizer Melinda Howard said, "It was awesome and so much fun, it was a gorgeous day." She hopes that next year more juniors sign up. Only three under 19 year old's took part this go round.

The heaviest trout was hauled in by Danny Key. It weighed 3.79 lbs. Key said, "I didn't expect this, it was lots of fun." He took home first prize after landing the trout at Lazy Lake.

Richard Carere loves ice fishing. This was his first derby and he reeled in the second heaviest fish at 2.86 lbs. Only a slim margin over third place John Scanland's trout that weighed in at 2.82 lbs.

Weigh master Dave Shipley did a great job handling cold, snowy and almost frozen fish. He pulled out "two little ones" from Yankee Lake but tossed them back hoping for better next year.

Linda Sundgaard was closest to the hidden weight category by bagging a 0.57 lb trout.

Howard congratulated the winners and thanked all fishers and friends for an "awesome" day. She hopes they will all be back next year.

A great community event supporting the fight against cancer.

Photos courtesy Nowell Berg



Jim Howard (L), Danny Key, Melinda Howard



Jim Howard (L), Richard Carere, Melinda Howard



Jim Howard (L), John Scanland, Melinda Howard



Richard Carere (L), Dave Shipley

Wasa Memorial Garden has something for every soul who should be remembered or needs a final resting place. There is a Columbarium with Niches large enough to hold two sets of cremains or the option to purchase a memorial plaque in honor of your loved ones. Check out the space at the end of Schoolhouse Road in Wasa. Call Bev Rauch at 250.422.3335 or Pat Walkey at 250.422.3530 for information

Wasa Memorial Garden



CREAMY CARROT & TOMATO SOUP

Fanny's Favorites

In a large saucepan combine:

1 Tbsp Olive Oil and 1 chopped medium onion, cook & stir until tender.

Add 3 minced cloves garlic and cook 1 minute longer.

Stir in 3 cups shredded carrots, 2 cups (reduced sodium) chicken broth, 1/3 cup minced fresh basil and 3 Tbsp minced fresh parsley. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer until tender.

Stir in 3 cups (reduced sodium) tomato juice, pulse mixture in blender until smooth.

In another large saucepan melt 2 Tbsp butter over medium heat and stir in 2 Tbsp flour until smooth. Gradually whisk in blended tomato mixture and ¼ tsp each salt and pepper.

Bring to a boil stirring constantly; cook and stir until slightly thickened (5-7 minutes).

Remove from heat stir in ½ cup plain Greek yogurt.

Makes approximately 4 servings.



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 Irene: 250.422.3686
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February 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 Teaching at the Ashram 7 p.m.	3	4
5	6 WHIST 7 pm Wasa Hall	7 LIONS MTG	8 Armchair Traveller Myanmar & More	9 Teaching at the Ashram 7 p.m.	10 ○ Full Moon	11
12	13  WHIST 7 pm Wasa Hall	14  BINGO 6:30 Early Bird 6:45 Regular	15 	16 Teaching at the Ashram 7 p.m.	17 WLLID MTG	18
19	20 WHIST 7 pm Wasa Hall	21 LIONS MTG	22 Armchair Traveller Haida Gwaii Rec Soc Mtg 7pm	23 Teaching at the Ashram 7 p.m.	24 Coffee House	25
26 ● New Moon	27 WHIST 7 pm Wasa Hall	28	<i>We the volunteers of the Tri-Village Buzz Newsletter reserve the right to refuse to print submissions due to legality, length, good taste or discriminating beliefs.</i>			

LEGEND

- Church 10:30 a.m.
- Gym (M,W,F 7:30-8:30 a.m. Mon to Fri 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.)
- BINGO 6:30 p.m.
- Rec Society 7:00 p.m.
- Lions 7:00 p.m.
- Library Tues. 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
- TOPS Fri 8:30 a.m. Weigh in & Meeting 9 a.m. - 10 a.m.
- Quilters Tues. 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Special Events and Days Down the Road

- Saturday, March 4th, 2017
Slopes for Hope
- Wednesday, March 8th, 2017
Armchair Traveller - Joan Loree
- Sunday, March 12th, 2017
Daylight Savings Time begins
- Saturday, March 18th, 2017
Spaghetti Supper
- Wednesday, March 22nd, 2017
Armchair Traveller - Dan Butler
- Friday, March 31st, 2017
Coffee House
- June 10th & 11th, 2017
Wasa Triathlon
- JULY 2017 - NO NEWSLETTER

"If you look like your passport photo, you probably need the trip!"

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Rascal Dock Systems.....	250.421.1746
The Girls.....	250.581.0780
TOPS.....	250.422.3510/422.3686
Wasa Country Pub & Grill.....	250.422.3381
Wasa Lake Gas & Food.....	250.422.9271
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